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In re Application of: John A. Kink  
Serial No.: 09/832,233  
Filed: 04/10/01  
Entitled: **Prevention and Treatment of Necrotizing Enterocolitis**

Group No.: 1617  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir or Madam:

In response to the (final) Office Action mailed June 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments to the above-referenced patent application. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with an RCE and a petition for a 1 month extension of time (enclosed).

On page two of this communication please find a status of all claims with instructions for entry pursuant to revised 37 CFR § 1.21.